



OTHER PARKING INFORMATION



How do I get space for my moving van?

Obtain a Temporary Street Obstruction Permit.



I am doing some home improvements, how do I obtain permission for my contractors to park on my street?

Permission is granted through a Temporary Street Obstruction Permit.

May I put a dumpster on the street?

Yes, obtain a Temporary Street Obstruction Permit.

May I request that my street be closed for a neighborhood block party?

Yes, obtain a Temporary Street Closing Permit

How do I obtain a temporary street obstruction/closing permit?

Permit information and applications may be obtained on our web site at www.cambridgema.gov/traffic or at our office. The application may be mailed in or brought in to our office. Applications must be received at least three business days in advance. For the fee structure, see our web site. For additional information, call 617-349-4721.

What parking is available for an event I am having?

You may request consideration. Simply put, consideration means that at the date, time and location of your event, Resident Permit Parking only will not be enforced and your guests may park in residential spaces.

Requests for consideration must be submitted in writing, via mail, fax (617-349-4747), or web site: www.cambridgema.gov/traffic. Requests must include applicant's name, telephone number, location, date, hours of consideration and reason. If you have questions, please call 617-349-4718.

When you apply on-line for consideration for your event, your request will automatically be submitted both to the Traffic, Parking & Transportation Department and the Police Department. If you do not use the on-line form, you must also contact the Police Department at 617-349-3300.





When would my car be towed?



The programs that the City most frequently enforces through towing are:

- ❖ Street Cleaning – April 1 through December 31
- ❖ Snow Emergencies – when declared (617-349-4700)
- ❖ Temporary cardboard “No Parking” signs for moving vans, street repairs, etc. Temporary signs are posted 24 to 48 hours in advance

What do I do if my driveway is blocked?

Request enforcement by calling either the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department at 617-349-4700 to ticket or the Police Department at 617-349-3300 to ticket and tow.

Will I be tagged if I block my own driveway?

No. A car blocking a residential driveway is not tagged unless a request is received from the resident.

Is it ok if I don't park in my driveway?

Be considerate of your neighbors without driveways. Use your own driveway and leave space on the street for your neighbors.

Can I request increased parking enforcement?

Yes. Call us at 617-349-4718.



What are my options for paying a parking ticket?

Mail: P. O. Box 399113, Cambridge, MA 02139

Walk In: Our office, Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Pay by Web: www.cambridgema.gov/traffic (Have your ticket number(s) ready).

Pay by Phone: 617-491-7277 (Have your ticket number(s) ready).

Checks should be made payable to “City of Cambridge”. Credit Card payments are accepted. Do not mail cash.

What if I can't renew my license or registration because of an unpaid parking ticket in Cambridge?

You must pay ALL your outstanding parking tickets and receive a Registry Release Form or confirmation number from us. Payments can be made by web, phone or mail and a release secured. Personal checks are not accepted.

What do I do if my car has been towed?

If your car has been towed call the Cambridge Police at 617-349-3300.





Why are cars booted and what can a car owner do to have the boot removed?

Your vehicle can be booted (immobilized) if you have five or more unpaid parking tickets. To get the boot removed, you must pay ALL your outstanding parking tickets (cash, money order, Visa or MasterCard), the boot fee of \$35 and any storage fees (\$10 per day after the first day).

How do I dispute a parking ticket?

Provide a written request that includes the ticket number, registration number, name and address, the reason for the dispute, and a daytime phone number or e-mail address. You will be notified of your hearing date by mail.

How do I dispute a tow?

You must first retrieve your vehicle and pay the tow fee and storage fee, if any. Then send a letter explaining why you feel the car was towed in error. Provide as much information as possible to support your case. Include a copy of the ticket and the tow receipt. Your claim will be investigated and you will receive a written response.

If I am out of town, am I responsible if my car is towed for a regulation posted after I left?

Yes. If you are going to be away, it is best to park off street or leave your keys with a friend.

Does street cleaning occur if it falls on a holiday?

No. There are several holidays when street cleaning is rescheduled. See the street sweeping schedule for holidays and rescheduled days.

When is it safe for Cambridge residents to park on the street if it is a street cleaning day?

When the street has been completely cleaned and the sweeper has left the street, you may park your vehicle.

Is street cleaning cancelled due to extreme weather conditions?

Street cleaning may be cancelled due to heavy rains, ice and snow. Call 617-349-4800 to confirm the cancellation.

